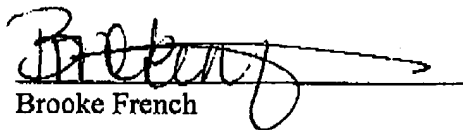


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The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed September 29, 2005 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Claims 1, 2, 4-21, and 23-28 are now pending in the present application, with claims 26 and 27 being amended. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

***AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT***

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 20-0778.

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